

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A processor implemented video monitor includes a display housing hinged to an overhead console. The display housing is stowed in an open stowage cavity of the console and is maintained in its stowed position by a latch detent pin which projects through an opening in a cavity wall and engages a recess, aperture or slot in a wall of the housing. The detent pin is retracted by a solenoid mounted within the console for releasing the display housing for deployment to a viewing position. A shallow finger well having exposed touch sensor terminals is formed in the console. Upon placement of a finger in the well and against the terminals, a solenoid driving circuit actuates the solenoid to retract the latch and permit the display housing to lower to a deployed position. The solenoid is optionally actuated through the processor, as by response to a remote control signal sensor or a membrane keypad.